

SENATOR COORDSEN: Well, I know, Senator Cudaback, that this is two John Deere combines with a complement of heads, you know, corn head and a grain platform, that sort of thing so that's what the list price comes out to. We're talking about two John Deere combines if that helps you in...maybe International, I don't know...puts it in context of what the amount is.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I guess I've always spoken for computers replace the books here and so on, and I guess if a laptop is the thing to do, I guess I'm a bachelor and I guess there's a lot more things I'd rather have in my lap than a computer but I guess whatever it takes. Thank you.

(Laughter)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, I rise in support of the amendment. I think that as a member of the Chamber Automation Committee I've been very impressed with the amount of time and effort and the sincere desire to try to make the Chamber automation as user-friendly as possible. You don't need to be extremely intelligent to punch a screen with your finger and so I think it's something that is not being done to provide us with additional toys to use here on the floor. I think that they sincerely will provide the opportunity for us to be able to operate more effectively while we're on the floor, be able to pay a little closer attention to the items that are before us. And so I want to just make sure from my perspective that this isn't to provide us with some unnecessary bells and whistles to occupy our spare time while we're here on the floor. But it is in fact intended and will only be successful if it is used to help us do our jobs better while we have this privilege to serve the citizens of the state. I think the staff should be complimented with the effort that they've put into this. They've taken every...there's been every attempt made to keep every detail in mind. Part of the reason why we have taken the steps to provide the prototypes is so that hopefully all of you have been able to...all of the members have been able to look at, demonstrate the...and have demonstrated for you and outlined what, in fact, the units would be able to do for each of us individually. I think a lot of the cost and some of the questions relative to technology, a lot of the cost associated